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# **Advisory Announcement**

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## SOUTHEAST ALASKA SALMON DRIFT GILLNET FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Section 1-B: will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, September 6, through 12:00 noon, Thursday, September 10, 2020, with the following restriction:

Pearse and Portland Canals; will be closed north of the latitude of Akeku Point at 54°50.03′ N lat.

District 6: will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, September 6, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, September 9, 2020, with the following restriction:

Section 6-D: will be closed north and east of a line from Point Nesbitt at 56°13.93′ N lat, 132°52.35′ W long to Nesbitt Reef Light at 56°13.22′ N lat, 132°51.84′ W long to Mariposa Rock Buoy at 56°10.68′ N lat, 132°44.36′ W long to the northernmost tip of Point Harrington at 56°10.27′ N lat, 132°43.57′ W long to a point on Etolin Island at 56°09.60′ N lat, 132°42.70′ W long to the southernmost tip of Point Stanhope at 56°00.69′ N lat, 132°36.47′ W long and south of a line from Point Stanhope to Luck Point at 55°59.05′ N lat, 132°44.08′ W long.

District 8: will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, September 6, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, September 9, 2020, with the following restrictions:

<u>Frederick Sound</u>: will be closed south and west of a line from a point 1.0 nautical mile off the Kupreanof Island shoreline on the District 10 boundary at 56°57.13′ N lat, 132°59.05′ W long to Sukoi Island Light at 56°53.73′ N lat, 132°56.64′ W long to Frederick Point at 56°47.55′ N lat, 132°49.27′ W long;

Stikine River: will be closed west of a line from Babbler Point at 56°29.09′ N lat, 132°17.37′ W long to Hour Point at 56°27.72′ N lat, 132°16.79′ W long, north of the Wrangell Island shoreline from Hour Point to Point Highfield at 56°29.35′ N lat, 132°23.23′ W long, north and east of a line from Point Highfield to the southern end of Liesnoi Island at 56°29.83′ N lat, 132°29.18′ W long to the southern end of Greys Island at 56°30.67′ N lat, 132°33.05′ W long to the small island near the eastern entrance to Blind Slough at 56°31.83′ N lat, 132°40.17′ W long to the nearest point of Mitkof Island at 56°31.88′ N lat, 132°40.66′ W long, and south and east of a line from the prominent point of Mitkof Island nearest Coney Island at 56°40.77′ N lat, 132°39.28′ W long to the northern end of Coney Island at 56°41.62′ N lat, 132°38.92′ W long to a point 500 yards north of Jap Creek on the mainland shore at 56°46.63′ N lat, 132°37.09′ W long.

Section 11-B: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, September 6, through 12:00 noon, Monday, September 7, 2020,** north of the latitude of Circle Point at 58°07.76′ N lat.

Section 11-B: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, September 6, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, September 8, 2020,** south of the latitude of Circle Point at 58°07.76′ N lat with the following restrictions:

<u>Limestone Inlet</u>: will be closed east of a line from a point on the north shore at 58°02.03′ N lat, 133°59.59′ W long to a point on the south shore at 58°01.72′ N lat, 133°59.43′ W long (outside markers);

<u>Port Snettisham</u>: will be closed east of a line from Sharp Point at 58°00.66′ N lat, 133°47.15′ W long to Sentinel Point at 57°59.74′ N lat, 133°45.62′ W long.

Section 15-A: will be open from **12:01 p.m.**, **Sunday**, **September 6**, **through 12:00 noon**, **Thursday**, **September 10**, **2020**, north of the latitude of Katzehin River flats light at 59°11.73′ N lat with the following restriction:

<u>Lutak Inlet</u>: will be closed north of a line at the Chilkoot River terminus marked by ADF&G regulatory markers located at 59°19.06′ N lat, 135°33.29′ W long to 59°19.47′ N lat, 135°32.59′ W long.

Section 15-A: will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, September 6, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, September 8, 2020, south of the latitude of Seduction Point at 59°04.93′ N lat with the following restriction:

Gillnet mesh restriction: minimum allowed mesh size is six inches.

Section 15-C: will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, September 6, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, September 8, 2020, with the following restrictions:

#### William Henry Bay: will be closed south of 58°42.93′ N lat;

Gillnet mesh restriction: minimum allowed mesh size is six inches.

Section 15-C: Boat Harbor THA inner waters west of 135°09.57′ W long will close with the remainder of Section 15-C at 12:00 noon, Tuesday, September 8, 2020.

As a reminder, Berner's Bay is included in Section 15-B, which remains closed.

Fishermen and processors are reminded that all salmon, including steelhead, commercially harvested but retained for personal use and not sold, must be reported on fish tickets at the time of delivery.

All Chinook salmon harvested in the commercial drift gillnet fisheries may be retained and sold.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1S5820.

Under Alaska's Health Mandates 10, 17, and 18, commercial fishing is an Essential Business and is part of Alaska's Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. Commercial fishermen should ensure that all travel and other activities in support of commercial fishing operations follow protocols in Alaska COVID-19 Health Mandates. COVID-19 Health Mandates may be found here: <a href="https://gov.alaska.gov/home/covid19-healthmandates/">https://gov.alaska.gov/home/covid19-healthmandates/</a>.

# Southeast Alaska Drift Gillnet Harvest Estimates Statistical Week 36 (August 30 through September 5) Preliminary Estimates Compiled September 3, 2020

#### NUMBER OF SALMON Days District Chinook Sockeye Coho Pink Chum Total Open **Boats** District 1 0 200 2,500 1,800 2,000 6,500 20 4 District 6 10 30 5,500 1,000 3,300 9,840 26 3 District 8 10 30 3,000 20 200 3 3,260 18 District 11 0 100 3,500 300 100 4,000 20 4 0 District 15 200 3,000 100 1,000 4,300 17 4 Total 20 560 17,500 3,220 6,600 27,900

### FISH PER BOAT FOR THE PERIOD

District	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	_
District 1	0	10	125	90	100	325	
District 6	0	1	212	38	127	378	
District 8	1	2	167	1	11	181	
District 11	0	5	175	15	5	200	
District 15	0	12	176	6	59	253	

Nakat Inlet THA harvest to date: 73,000 chum and 300 coho salmon.

Anita Bay THA harvest to date: 100 coho salmon.

Deep Inlet THA harvest to date: 3,600 Chinook and 186,500 chum salmon.

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